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Seniors Assassinate

By Danny Metzger-Traber

For the month of April, I was bombarded with the same question: "Are you running Assassins this year?" True, I had helped run it for the class of 2006, but I had no intention of doing the game in any capacity other than as a player. That being said, May got closer, and I got scared. I believe in Assassins as a tool for class togetherness and fun; I couldn't bring myself to see it fail. So one day in stats class, a friend asked if I was running it, and I made the foolish decision to say yes. A few calls later and my fate was sealed. I had little idea of the hell that was in store for me.

Collecting the money was fun, the calm before the storm. I had two good friends helping out, and having random people hand you bills everywhere you go makes you feel important, or like a criminal. I was dealing fun, and people were jonesing for their fix. When all was said and done, 218 people were in the game. The stage was set. I handed our lists to the college freshman in charge of creating the match ups, and being the impartial judge and jury of our game. The pairings were supposed to be sent out that Thursday night. That awful, awful Thursday night.

At about nine o'clock the calls started coming in. Numbers never before seen by my cell phone were becoming regulars. With each passing hour, the voices at the other end of the line became more frantic. The pairings were not being sent out. There was nothing I could do. I stood by, helpless, afraid to go online, huddled in my bed. School the next day was awful. When a quarter of the class wants your blood, the last thing you need is a grade-wide assembly. As the

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David Brown

Senior Bryan Longo runs in the 800 meter race.

Junior Prom: A Student's Perspective

By Brendan Magauran

Your high school prom: it's the big thing, the real deal, the dance by which all other dances will be measured. Tuxedoes, fancy dresses, limos, and a sit down meal. It's about ending the year as a class and having a lot of fun.

However, this year Lexington's junior and senior classes are being forced to take mandatory prom busses because of a unilateral decision made by Principal Michael Jones and the deans. Petitions and resolutions of protest were filed by student groups about the lack of student input, yet those fell on deaf ears.

So in trying to salvage prom ticket prices from skyrocketing too high, the Junior Class Council had to scramble to organize transportation for the event only three months beforehand, a short time in prom planning. They eventually settled on hiring trolleys. The ticket price was still seventy-five dollars, much to the dismay of many students who wouldn't have traveled in limos even if prom busses weren't mandatory.

On the other hand the alternative to the trolleys, party busses, would have added as much as fifteen dollars to the price of a prom ticket. The Junior Class Council knew that seventy-five dollars was already pushing it, and ninety would have adversely affected prom attendance.

Once the deal on the trolleys was struck, the administration sent out various notices about the prom, ranging from permission slips that were required to ride on the trolleys to when students had to show up to board them.

Despite all this planning, the school gymnasium which was the staging area for the departure was quite disorganized. The administration had told students that they could arrive at the high school as early as 4:30, that boarding would begin at 5:45, and that the trolleys would leave without exception at 6:10. They recommended that students arrive no later than 5:15 so that the process of boarding the trolleys would be smooth and timely. In fact many students entered as late as 6:20 and the trolley boarding began at 6:35, a full 25 minutes after the supposed departure time.

> ***"[The trolleys] certainly took away from the sophistication of the evening."***
>
> *Junior Cindy Garvin*

Rumors had been spread that there would be a very extensive search process for illegal substance both at the gymnasium and the Hyatt Hotel where the prom was to be held. The actual search process was pathetic at best as chaperones merely asked boys to open their jackets and girls to open their purses as they entered the gymnasium.

There were no additional security checks afterwards on the trolleys or at the hotel. For a community so concerned about substance abuse to require mandatory busing, it was a pretty lax security check.

Once the boarding for the trolleys was announced what resulted was a free-for-all for seats. Despite the many doors that led from the gymnasium, only one was used for the mob that had now formed. Students rushed to secure precious seats on the same trolley as their friends. Some dates were separated and many groups of friends split in the first come, first serve process.

Fourteen trolleys were ordered to carry students to and from the prom. Fortunately, junior class

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Senate Supports LHS in Minuteman

By Eric Eid-Reiner

The student members of the LHS Student-Faculty Senate recently passed a resolution to submit a Guest Commentary to the Lexington Minuteman in support of passage of the June 5 tax override and debt exclusion votes in Lexington. The resolution passed by a majority. For legal reasons all faculty member-abstained.

The commentary, which was published in the Minuteman, begins by urging the citizens of Lexington to vote yes on both questions. It reads: "Passage of the tax override is crucial to maintaining the quality of Lexington's public school system. Passage of the debt exclusion to pay for a new Department of Public Works building is long overdue. Failure of these two measures will have a devastating effect on the education of Lexington students and deprive the Department of Public works of needed office space, vehicle storage, and improvements in energy efficiency."

Freshman senator Mark Chonofsky, who voted in favor of the resolution explained, "I think it's important that town residents know what students are thinking" on these issues.

If this year's override passes, many programs will be saved, the commentary notes. Honors Physics will once again be able to prepare its students for the AP Physics exam. Team teaching by ninth grade social studies and English teachers will continue, two technology specialist positions, and a full-time language lab aide will be restored as well. Middle school and high school athletic fees will remain at $300 per sport, with a family cap of $600 per year; should it fail, they will increase to $500 per sport with a family cap of $1,000.

The commentary goes on to state that "we stand to have more overcrowded classrooms in every grade if the override is voted down.

The commentary also brought up the impact that the failure of the two school override questions last year have had on the school system. At LHS, there was a reduction in the German language program. Additionally, it points out that now, "most teachers at LHS teach more classes, and are less available for extra help, have a much larger workload, and less time for riculum development."

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Michelle Ho

The Border Cafe bat has been clutch this year for the Minutemen.

Border Cafe is Delicioso

By Michelle Ho

For years, the stationary box cars across from the Burlington mall were a focal point of the area. However, about half a year ago, Victoria's Station closed down, and the box cars were rolled away. In its place, a new restaurant, Border Café, was erected. The stout brick building with large windows and a neon sign does little to appease the eye, but enter through the doors and you are transported into a cantina somewhere along the undefined region between Texas and Mexico.

Blasting music and dimmed lights immediately send the message that you have not come here for a quiet, delightful dinner for two, but a raucous, full-out fiesta. Neon signs and tacky chandeliers with colored lights hang on the unfinished walls and ceilings. The lazy rotation of fans overhead are ineffective, leaving the room stiflingly hot.

For my dining experience, the service could do with a little brush-up. The stiff white and black-tied uniforms of the waitresses and waiters seem out of place in this laid-back atmosphere.

The professionalism is also questionable at best. Teenage girls with too much eyeliner and boys with hair over their eyes looked dubious as they attempted to seat customers. Proof came when our waitress asked to clear away our dishes way before we were done with them, but she apologized profusely afterwards.

But now on to the más importante: la comida, the food. Unless you have strong taste-buds or a gallon of water available, I strongly recommend you stay away from anything that might hint "spicy". Unfortunately, that leaves little else left on the menu. As with all Mexican food, most involve meat, cheese or onions, all wrapped up with a side of black beans and rice. Although the dishes I sampled were over-salted or over-spiced, they tasted just as I expected.

The pulled beef enchilada was a bit heavy with the cheese, while the filet mignon was not cooked "medium-rare" as requested. However, the skinny fries were crisp and the fajitas sizzling. All in all, the food was fresh, flavorful and thoroughly Mexican.

Although the restaurant has a family-friendly appeal, I couldn't help but notice the amount of alcohol served. Not only is the bar the first thing you see through the doors, but every wall decoration advertises Corona Extra. Even the pepper shakers are emptied beer bottles.

Cerveza and margaritas flow freely all night, yet the clinking of glasses is accompanied with the wailing of children. Many of us are familiar with the Border Café in Harvard Square. I believe that the Harvard Square restaurant is better geared for college students, while this Border Café in Burlington should target families with younger kids and cut back on the alcohol flow.

To sum up, Border Café accomplishes everything a Mexican restaurant should. With the décor, it nails the feeling of a cantina. With the food, it fills the stomach and with the drink -- well, only if you're 21. I do not recommend this place for a quiet, private dinner party, but it would be excellent for a big, noisy celebration. It is a great place to unwind and eat your heart out.

Spiderman 3 Disappoints

By Hannah Rosenberg

Spiderman 3 has all of the makings of a huge summer blockbuster. It has been at the top of the box office since its opening. With its intense action scenes, spectacular special effects and an overabundance of high profile actors including Tobey Maguire as Spiderman/Peter Parker, Kirsten Dunst as Mary Jane Watson (Peter Parker's love interest), Thomas Haden as Flint Marko/Sandman (a new villain) and Topher Grace as Eddie Brock/Venom (a well known enemy of Spiderman), it seems as though Spiderman 3 would exceed the expectations of audiences.

The movie dives right into the plot, with Peter Parker considering a proposal to his struggling Broadway actress girlfriend Mary Jane Watson, on whom he has had a crush since high school. Spiderman is also gaining a large amount of respect in New York City for his heroic acts. This popularity causes turmoil in Peter's relationship with Mary Jane, mostly caused by Mary Jane's jealousy. A new rival for Spiderman also emerges from the dust, a character made entirely out of sand -- the Sandman. Along with these conflicts, there are complex twists and turns with fight scenes, flashbacks and romance. This will cause confusion for those who have not seen Spiderman 1 and 2.

As the film continues, the plot becomes increasingly complex. There is a lack of character development in the villains (Sandman and Venom) causing confusion in the plot. There is not enough explanation about the Sandman, his background and his motives. In addition, Spiderman suddenly sports a "new black look," rendering him more aggressive and leaving the audience to speculate the reason for this change in character. While the meandering plot causes confusion, the flashbacks are helpful in clarifying the fractured relationship between Peter Parker and Eddie Brock. Although this film is intense and complicated, a few aspects are predictable. The most apparent is the on again/off again relationship between Mary Jane and Peter, ending up with the expected "living happily ever after."

Although the special effects of this film are eye popping, they overshadow the plot. Instead of focusing on the excessive number of fight scenes which all include many "pows" and "whams," more time could be spent developing the plot. As the film progresses, the audience becomes more restless. In other words, the ending could have been briefer, creating a shorter and sweeter end to the film. The two hour and twenty minute film finally draws to a close with a cliché but somewhat pleasant end to the trilogy.

Although it seems as if Spiderman 3 has the makings of a huge summer blockbuster, it lacks many qualities. Some parts are predictable and others are confusing. A happy medium is needed. The ending drags on and the special effects overshadow the underdeveloped plot line. Spiderman 3 is the weakest episode in the Spiderman trilogy. Although it provides an escape for two hours, I left the theater disappointed. It misses the "spark" provided by the last two movies. Spiderman 3 is not worth the price of admission. If you must see it, rent it and watch it at home.

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Brian Wang	Carnegie Mellon University
Ann Wang	Johns Hopkins University
Sarah Wasser	New York University
Ian Wells	Cornell University
Thomas Whelan	Bentley College
Alexandra Whitfield	Georgetown University
Megan Williams	
Alexandra Wilson	Georgetown University
Lauren Wilson	Emory University
Olivia Wilson	University of Colorado at Boulder
Caroline Winn	Boston College
Hannah Woit	Georgetown University
Rachel Wolfman	Brandeis Unviersity
Jessica Wong	
Kevin Wong	Bentley College
Daniel Woodhouse	University of Notre Dame
Joshua Woods	Northeastern University
Andrew Wright	University of Maryland
Leslie Wu	Brandeis University
Victor Wu	Carnegie Mellon University
Kevin Wu	Duke University, then College of Magic
Timothy Yen	University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Aaron Yengo-Kahn	Boston University
Jin Yoo	Middlesex Community College
Eric You	Carnegie Mellon University
David Youngwirth	Roger Williams University
Adrian Zagaeski	Middlesex Community College
Stephanie Zheng	Washington University

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Jana Qiao

Jon Davies and Raviv Markowitz excite and delight the crowd at Discovery Day.

Junior Prom in Review

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faculty advisor, Sean Hagan, had the foresight to ask for an additional coach bus to come in case there were extra students. And indeed there were extra students as all fourteen trolleys and the coach bus were filled to capacity, causing roughly twenty students to be without seats for the trip to the Hyatt. In addition, the city bus for Boston students was late and several of them were transported by private transportation.

As for the trolleys themselves, in the words of Junior Sam Miake-Lye, they were nothing more than "busses with wooden park benches that had sidings covered with a plastic tarp." And as luck would have it, there was torrential rain that night and some of the trolleys leaked onto their passengers.

En route to the prom the trolleys became separated from one another with some arriving as early as thirty minutes before the last trolley. Junior Cindy Garvin commented, "The trolleys weren't so bad when you got used to the idea, but they certainly took away from the sophistication of the evening. It just didn't feel as special as it should have."

The prom itself was quite fun once inside the Hyatt Hotel. The DJ was excellent, the atmosphere was very friendly and positive, and there was very little substance abuse. The only problems came from some college students that were having a graduation party down the hall and, already being very drunk, tried to give alcohol to Lexington students They were quickly dealt with by the chaperones and a Cambridge police officer on duty.

As the night wound down and the students left the Hyatt, the return trip once again proved to be problematic. Only seven of the trolleys were there on time, and they were not in numerical order, causing confusion among students as to which one they should mount for the trip home.

The earliest trolleys arrived back at the high school by 11:55 but the last one arrived at 12:25. Restrictions on anyone with a junior operator driver's license requires that they not drive between 12:30 a.m. to 5:30 a.m. As a result some students had to drive from the high school to their post-prom destinations in violation of the law.

As of this writing Jones has still not responded to a Senate resolution asking him to explain his failure to consult with student groups before making the prom bus decision this year. The resolution also asks that he reopen the idea of mandatory versus voluntary busses before planning goes ahead for next year's proms.

Jones did explain to the Senate that the community had decided to take matters into their own hands based upon Lexington student behavior at last year's proms and recent teenage deaths in alcohol related car accidents

Girls Tournament Results

Lacrosse

The girls lacrosse team ended their season on a down note when they lost their first tournament game to neighboring Waltham by a score of 13-11. It was a struggle all afternoon as the girls constantly found themselves trying to battle back after falling behind by large margins.

On several occasions they found themselves in five goal deficits only to battle back to make the game close. In the end the girls had a chance to tie the game near the end but could not get that one decisive goal. Once again lexington's high scoring attack was led by Micaela Cyr, Laura Chiricosta and Abby Pisegna. Despite a feverish rush by the Minutemen in the final minute it was actually a goal by Waltham that sealed the deal and provided for the final margin.

The girls lacrosse team wrapped up a very successful season compiling an overall record of 10-7-2 which earned them a ninth seed in the Division One North Tournament. Unfortunately, a very talented Waltham squad sent our girls home early.

Softball

The girls softball team went into this year's post-season seeded number one in the North Division One sectional tournament. However, the maids were nipped by Lowell in the very first round dashing their hopes of going deep into the playoffs.

The number one seed was a bit of a surprise for the girls as they dropped their last regular season game to St. Mary's at home by a score of 2-1.

Nevertheless, the team finished a very strong season amassing an overall record of 14-4 and a league record of 13-3 to win the Middlesex title outright over second place Reading. It was the first league title won by a Lexington softball team since 2001.

The most outstanding performer this year may have been sophomore Kiki Saveriano who was the pitching ace all year, at one point hurling a no hitter while striking out an astonishing 17 batters.

Assassins: Behind the Scenes

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panel discussion ended, I rushed out to determine what the problem was with the match ups and target distribution.

Assassins is a big circle. Player A has Player B who has Player C who has Player A. At the end, there should be one winner. Unfortunately, the match ups I saw were not in a circle, but rather a myriad of geometric shapes ranging from small squares to triangles to line segments. Had the game been allowed to progress with no intervention, there would have been 8 winners at the very end. I believe in the military this would be called a SNAFU.

So I spent hours with a cadre of organizers attempting to untangle the snarl. Because of late entrants and incomplete lists, however, there was no complete list. It was like a giant puzzle with missing pieces and five other puzzles thrown in the box to spice things up. After a few hours, we thought we had some semblance of order. We were wrong. It took days to get out all the pairings, and every day I found out about a new problem. Deadlines were extended, tears were lovingly wiped away, and things slowly moved forward. People were very angry, but as I was providing a free service for them, I really didn't give a @#*$.

If the structural problems of the game were not enough, I also found out that when money is involved, people's eye sight and sense of honor take big hits. Every two hours I would get a call where people would describe a scenario to me and demand a judgment.

I felt like King Solomon. Parents and police proved my biggest nemeses. I didn't feel comfortable going toe to toe with either, but they were getting involved nonetheless. More than once I would have liked to disqualify a player, but the power, while tempting, seemed too much for one man. I did my best to govern the game in a laissez-faire manner.

At the close of round one, I reorganized the game, and the 76 players left were operating in circle. But with each kill made, the tension and anxiety in each of the other players rose. By the time we were in the third round, I was getting yelled at and called names not publishable.

I spent my Memorial Day weekend attached to my cell phone and laptop in Maine while my friends lounged outside on the beach.

Adding insult to injury, the Boston Globe ran a story about Newton's Assassins game. We had twice the participation of Newton, but I did not get so much as a phone call from reporters. A little press would have gone a long way to smooth my ruffled feathers.

But the game is rapidly drawing to a close now. The final combatants, battle worn and weary, are carrying on to see who will claim the hefty purse, totaling near one thousand dollars. Some of you out there will carry on the torch. I do hope this tradition continues, but I have nothing but respect for the future organizers of this game.

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SPORTS

Track Team Captures State Title

By Geoff Rodriguez

David Brown

Just a week after capturing the Division One boys track title, the Lexington outdoor team literally ran away from their competition at the state meet held recently in Holyoke. In the division meet the boys bested runner-up Newton North by just nine points, but at the states the margin over the same school was a whopping 24 points.

Leading the way for the Minutemen was the senior trio of Darius Walker, Michael Paschal and Bryan Longo. By capturing the outdoor crown the boys added it to the indoor title they had won this past winter. Walker was outstanding throughout, taking first in the long jump with a personal best leap of 23'1 1/4" and in the 100 meters with a time of 10.79. He also added to the teams point total by running the second leg of the 4x100 meter relay to a second place finish. Meanwhile Longo outsprinted his opponents in a highly competitive 800 meter run to win by just two tenths of a second. In addition Bryan ran a strong anchor leg on the 4x400 meter relay which finished 5th adding significant points to the team total. The longer relay also included Geoff Rodriquez, Daishwn Beaumont and Ricardo Sanon.

Paschal did his part by dominating the 400 meters with a winning time of 48.29 in a race he took control of on the final turn and never looked back. He also placed 4th in the triple jump despite being seeded only 11th going into the event. Paschal ran the anchor leg of the 4x100 relay as well. Joining Walker and Paschal on the sprint relay were Kevin Wu and Max Schoenburger. Other important team points were added by junior Dhyan Adler-Belendez who finished a strong 4th in the 2-mile run.

With fewer teams competing in the division competition, rookie coaches Kate Waller and Kevin Kelly had to alter their strategy so as to score more points in the relays. They knew they would get significant points from Walker, Paschal and Longo who won the 100, 400 and 800 meter races respectively, but the relay points would be crucial if they were to beat out such deep squads as Newton North, St. John's Prep and Brockton.

The coaches decided to split their relay teams and go for high finishes in both the 4x100 and the 4x400.

The strategy worked perfectly as Lexington finished in second place in both events accumulating sixteen valuable points rather than the ten they might have won by stacking just one relay. Once again Adler-Belendez ran a superb 2-mile at the division competition to finish third, while Walker and Paschal took seconds in their jumping events, the long and triple jumps respectively.

Waller said that as reflected by the score, the boys made the victory seem easy. But in fact "each excelled at this meet." Kelly added, "We're proud of our seniors and what they have done for this program. It was so exciting winning the meet."

Baseball Tourney Starts

By Simon Lehar

The Lexington High School baseball team won its first Division One North tournament game 9-4 over a tough Central Catholic team. The Minuteman will now move on to play the highly ranked north shore power, Peabody.

The team went into the tournment on a roll having won four of their last five games. After two home games against Watertown and Winchester they finished the season with four consecutive road games at Reading, Stoneham, Burlington, and Everett. Two of these six remaining games were against teams that have already beaten Lexington.

In their recent win over the Woburn Tanners, the Minutemen got to work early. In the first inning,Senior Nick Pisegna drew a walk with the bases loaded to score a run. Curt Everett, the starting pitcher that day, lofted a single into right to score two.

After a double steal, Pisegna scored from third. In the second inning, after Woburn had cut the lead to 4-1, the Minutemen unloaded six runs in the bottom of the second. Junior Jimmy Borden started it off by hustling his way to first base on an infield single. Senior

Tommy Whelan then shot a single into center to put two men on. Peter Maltzen laid down a bunt that, thanks to a Woburn error, scored a run and put two in scoring position.

Jack Barons stepped up next and lined a single into the outfield, scoring two. With the score at 7-1 and Barons on first, Pisegna was hit by Woburn's starter Jonathan Bishop who then surrendered another two run single by Junior Curt Everett with an error to make it 9-1. Sophomore John Savage capped off the inning with a RBI single, leaving the score at 10-1. Woburn scored three runs in the sixth to make it 12-7, but Jimmy Borden closed the game out with a strikeout with some help from his defense while captain Ross Curley initiated his second double-play of the game.

The Minutemen are looking strong coming down the stretch and hope to go far into the playoffs. They join three other Middlesex League teams, Belmont, Reading and Burlington who all qualified for the playoffs in their respective divisions.

This shows how tough league competition was this year. Although the Minutemen competed well against all of these teams they also lost their fair share as well. Lexington should be a tough team to beat in the post-seasons. the boys and Coach Tom O'Grady are hopeful that they can finally live up to pre-season expectations when they were ranked tenth in Eastern Massachusetts by the Boston Globe.

Kids Play Tennis and Have Fun

By Sinclair Kluger

The boys tennis team roared through their first tournament match by shutting out Westford Academy in the first round 5-0. The boys will next take on Latin Academy at home in the Division One North quarterfinals.

Against Westford freshman phenomenon Cameron Ghorbani rallied to defeat his opponent after dropping the first set 2-6. Ghorbani dominated the next two matches to win 6-0 and 6-3. Alex Katz playing second singles also won in split sets, 6-4, 5-7 and 7-5, all very exciting matches. Freshman Arjun Thomke completed the singles sweep with, barely allowing his opponent a chance while dominating his match 6-1, 6-0. Lexington's first doubles team of Seniors Marshall Collins and Stas Moroz kept up their winning ways by coming back from a 4-6 loss to take the match 6-2 and 6-4.

The days sweep was completed by the second doubles team of junior Sam Pollock and sophomore Issac Furman who won a very tight match by winning the first set 6-4, dropping the second 6-7 (4-& and the final 6-3.

Although coach John Hogan was pleased by the shutout, he said that the matches were "closer than the score indicated, as we won four out of five matches in five sets."

Given the number of superb underclassmen the Minutemen have, it's clear that they plan to be a force in the league and possibly the state in the year's to come. As for Coach Hogan, he'll just take them one at at time fore now.

In the individual division competition a week earlier, the tennis players made a very respectable showing.

Ghorbani advanced all the way to the semifinals before losing to one of the top seeded players. Katz made it to the third round before being defeated and the two doubles teams advanced beyond the first round before being eliminated.

Boys Lacrosse Team Eliminated

By Sinclair Kluger

The boys lacrosse team went into this year's tournament coming off the high of capturing the Middlesex League crown over some very formidable opposition. However, their tourney hopes were dashed in the very first round when they ran into a highly disciplined and determined St. John's Prep of Danvers. In the end the Minutemen fell to the Prep by a lopsided score of 12-6.

The game began well for the locals who jumped out to a 2-0 lead and looked like they would be building on their impressive 16-4 regular season record. But in the second quarter the Minutemen seemed to collapse as they gave up six goals. Coach David Walsh said that "our defense looked confused most of the day, unable to figure out where our help was coming from." The boys made a valiant effort to turn things around in the third quarter but just could not get enough possession time to set up offensive opportunities. St. John's kept taking the attack to the home team and the Lexington defense was forced into a number of critical errors. Once the visitors had run up a commanding lead the better efforts in the fourth quarter proved in coach Walsh's words simply "too little, too late."

The lacrosse squad went into the tournament with high hopes having downed Burlington by a 16-6 margin in their last league match to clinch the title. They then a highly regarded nonleague opponent in Hingham by a score of 10-5. That gave Lexington a much needed bye in the first round, but in the end a more battle tested St. John's team was just too much for the Minutemen.